Monitoring the Production of Essential Drugs

1321. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are monitoring the production of essential drugs;

(b) if so, names of the drugs;

(c) what was the production of each drug during 1989-90, 1990-91 and from 1st April, 1991 to 30th September, 1991;

(d) what are the names of those drugs whose production have fallen and what is the percentage;

(e) what is the reason of fall in production; and

(f) what are the names of drugs which are covered under the wholesale price index and what was the price of each on 1st January, 1991 and what is the present price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Monitoring and Evaluation Section monitors the production of some identified bulk drugs in the organised sector. The details of the production of some essential bulk drugs for the period 1989-90 are available in the Annual Report of the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals placed in the Parliament Library. However, the production data for 1990-91 and from 1-4-90 to 30-9-91 is not readily available.

(d) The names of some drugs whose production has fallen are given in the annexure.

(e) The reasons for fall in production depends upon various factors like availability of imported raw materials, economic viability aspect, drug obsolescence, introduction of better and more potent and safer drugs market demand etc.

(f) The names of the bulk drugs included in the wholesale price index and their prices, as requierd are given below:—

Name of the drug	Price as on 1-1-1991 (Rs.)	Present Price (Rs.)
1, Chloramphenicol Powder	1300/Kg.	1300/Kg.
2, Pencillin G	695/BU	830/BU
3, Streptomycin Sulphate	1154/Kg.	1315/Kg.
4, Tetracycline Hcl.	1022/Kg.	1095/Kg.

Decontrol of Glybenclamide

1322. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1669 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decontrol of Glybenclamide was not covered under any of the exclusion criteria of Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after decontrol, the company doubled up its price and reaped a benefit of Rupees three Crores per annum;

(c) what was the price before decontrol and what is the price now;